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Re: U.S. Patent Application #09/676,670  
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Dear Dr. Sharareh:

This will acknowledge with appreciation your communication of January 29, 2002. In accord with your citations, we elect the restriction to your Number 1:

"Claims 1-19, drawn to methods of making a water-insoluble alginate sponge, classified in class 424, subclass 443."

Thank you for your communication.

Sincerely yours,

George H. Scherr, Ph.D.

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